



General students of Dhaka University brought out a procession from TSC crossing on Friday afternoon in protest against the repression on students and demanding resignation of DU VC.

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Demand to turn college into varsity

## Mymensingh students halt train, kidnap driver

MYMENSINGH, July 26:—Unruly students today halted a train and abducted its driver and his assistant letting loose violence to press their demand for making Government Ananda Mohon College here into a university, reports UNB.

They also set ablaze sleepers of the railway beside their college and damaged shops and cars in the town to play their demand up, witnesses said.

At least 10 people were injured, including a policeman, in a clash that ensued between police and

the students of Ananda Mohon College.

The clash started at about 1:45 p.m. as the law-enforcers clubbed the students who barricaded the Mymensingh-Jamalpur rail route and halted a Dhaka-bound intercity train, Ekota.

Witnesses said the demonstrators abducted the train's locomaster, Abdus Salam, and his assistant Giasuddin amid the noontime melee.

"Police rescued the driver and his assistant from the college campus two hours after their kidnapping," said a spot report.

Train communications on the route resumed at about 2 p.m. with police intervention, after repairs of the torched sleepers.

Police arrested 12 students from the spot during the dustup. A case was filed.

Earlier the agitating students

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## Students halt train

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took out a procession from the college campus at about 11 a.m. and damaged five vehicles and 15 roadside shops along their turbulent course while parading the town to drum up their demand.

Student demonstrations flared up in different colleges having postgraduate courses on the demand for turning those into universities following a government decision to upgrade some old colleges to full-fledged varsities.

The students of Ananda Mohon College turned violent after a Bangla daily today published a news saying that the government will upgrade several colleges, excluding Ananda Mohon College, into universities.

However, local sources said that Ananda Mohon College would also be turned into university.

Meanwhile, a meeting of police officials and political leaders held this afternoon at DC's residence expressed concern over the incident. Deputy Commissioner Jafar Ahmed Chowdhury chaired the meeting.